Prospectus for the Diploma Course in Nursing to be started in the School of Nursing Trivandrum, in July 1961.

DIPLOMA COURSE

1. The Diploma Course in Nursing will be of eleven months' duration to be started in the School of Nursing, Trivandrum, during July 1961.

2. The Diploma Course is a course in teaching and administration in nursing for eleven months, on the successful completion of which the candidate will be awarded a Diploma in Nursing from the University of Kerala. This course is designed to provide opportunities for fully qualified nurses to enrich their knowledge of sciences basic to nursing, nursing administration and education and to increase and develop creative thinking and skilled leadership in the field of nursing and thus to equip the student fully to take up responsible posts in teaching nursing and also to hold responsible posts in nursing.

3. *Qualifications for admission for the Diploma Course.*—Only ten candidates will be admitted for this Course. Admission is open to fully qualified nurses in service and from the public provided they satisfy the following conditions:—

(a) should have passed E. S. L. C. or S. S. L. C. or its equivalent examination.

(b) should be a registered nurse, fully qualified for nursing of men, women and children.

(c) should have a clean record of good professional work and good character for which the candidate is required to produce two certificates—one from the head of the institution in which the candidate has worked and another certificate from the head of the institution in which the candidate last studied.

(d) should have satisfactory record of good health for which the candidate should produce a Medical certificate from a Medical Officer not below the rank of an Assistant Surgeon with five years' experience.

(e) should have a minimum experience for a period of five years in bed-side nursing.

(f) should not be above 35 years of age, at the time of admission.

Application for Admission

The application for admission should be made in the prescribed form and addressed to the Superintendent, School of Nursing, Trivandrum. The service candidates shall forward their applications through the Director of Health Services.

The application should be accompanied by the following documents:—

(1) Copies of the relevant pages of the School Leaving Certificate in proof of age and qualification (where it is necessary).

(2) Copy of professional certificate as registered nurse.

(3) Copy of Nurses' Registration Certificate.

(4) Certificate of physical fitness, issued by a Medical Officer, not below the rank of an Assistant Surgeon with at least five years' experience.

(5) Two character certificates (in original) obtained within six months from the date of application—one from a reputable person and one from the head of the School or College in which the candidate last studied.

(6) An original chalan for registration fee of Rs. 3.

(7) Certificate of satisfactory professional work from the head of the Institution in which the candidate is working.

Copies of the certificates should be attested by a Gazetted Officer or Panchayat President.

The candidates for the Diploma Course will be required to appear for an interview before the Selection Board at their own expense. The selected candidates should join the course in time. Candidates who fail to join the course in time may run the risk of losing the seats offered to them.

FEES AND OTHER EXPENSES

The fee for the Diploma Course is fixed as Rs. 180 which includes tuition fee, library fee, laboratory fee, recreation fee and examination fee. The above fees may be paid in one instalment.

A fine of Re. 1 will be charged for delay in the payment of fees beyond two weeks from the due date. The due date will be notified by the Director of Nursing.

The students are also required to pay a caution deposit of Rs. 20 each which will be refunded at the end of the course, deducting cost of breakages if any.

Hostel Accommodation.—Accommodation for women candidates will be given in the Hostel attached to the School of Nursing, Trivandrum. The students so accommodated will be required to pay a hostel deposit of Rs. 50 each. The candidates selected for the Diploma Course will be required to pay the room rent, light, and water charges at the following rates:—

(1) For a single room, rent at Rs. 10 p. m.

(2) For a double room, rent at Rs. 7 p. m.

(3) Light and water charges at Rs. 4 p. m.

Mess.—The students residing in the hostel attached to the School of Nursing, Trivandrum, are at liberty to take their food from the students' mess attached to the School of Nursing on

payment of Rs. 30 per mensem. They are however free to make their own arrangements for food from the Canteen, Medical College Campus. The students may also make their own arrangements for accommodation and food outside the Medical College Campus, if they so desire, but punctuality, good behaviour and discipline shall be insisted upon and severe disciplinary action will be taken if they fail to observe these principles in their conduct both inside and outside the Campus.

N. B.—Observation and practice are arranged as part of the course of study for which the students will be deputed to major hospitals in Madras, Vellore, Visakhapattanam and Madanapally. The students admitted for the Diploma Course should meet the entire expenses in connection with their to and fro journey and halt at these places. Students should also meet the entire expenses for the purchase of books and stationery required for the course of training.

Teaching Facilities

Facilities for clinical teaching are available in the Collegiate Hospitals and in other major hospitals in the city. Observation in public health field will be arranged at the Medical College Health Unit, Cheruvickal. In addition to the laboratory facilities available in the School of Nursing, Trivandrum arrangements will be made for the students to use the laboratory at the Medical College and the University College, Trivandrum. Library facilities are available in the School of Nursing, Trivandrum. Other important libraries in the city can also be made use of.

Health Service

There is already a regular health service programme in the School of Nursing, Trivandrum. This will be extended to the students of the Diploma Course.

Syllabus for the Diploma Course

This consists of Nursing education and Administration, biological sciences, social sciences, community health professional adjustments, pharmacy and materia medica, public speaking, citizenship, practical training in the teaching hospitals for 9 months, practical training for one month in a major hospital outside the State, practical training for one month in public health institutions and class room teaching.

EXAMINATIONS

Students are required to obtain an average of 50% in each subject and an overall average of 50% in all the subjects on the year's work and final examinations in order to make them qualify for the award of a Diploma. Daily work of the students taking this course is considered of great importance.

Preliminary Examination.—At the end of three months' training from the date of admission, the students admitted for the Diploma will be required to sit for a preliminary examination. The students are required to pass this examination failing which those students who are found unfit to continue the course of studies will be sent out of the the School. Fees once paid will not be refunded.

Final Examination.—This will be conducted in four groups of subjects.

(1) Administration—Nursing Service—School of Nursing

(2) Science subjects.

(3) Health subjects.

(4) Education.

There will be practical examination on the following subjects:—

(1) Teaching of Nursing.

(2) Teaching of Sciences basic to Nursing.

RE-EXAMINATION FOR FAILED CANDIDATE.

No student who gets an average of less than 50% in the term marks for any group of subjects will be allowed to appear for the final examination.

Students who maintain their term average for each group of subjects above 50% may appear a second time at any subsequent annual examination as follows—

If they fail by less than 5 % in one subject in the final examination they shall be allowed to sit for the examination in that particular subject. They should put in one term in the school paying Rs. 25 as tuition fees for each subject.

If the failure is by more than 5% or if the failure is in more than one subject in the final examination, they will be required to undergo a further study of three months before the examination for which the candidate is required to pay the fees for one term (viz. Rs. 60) including tuition and the examination fees.

Holidays

Students will be granted holiday on all Sundays as also tho national and religious holidays.

Discipline

Studonts admitted for tho Diploma Courses will be under the disciplinary control of the Director/Suporintendent of the School of Nursing Trivandrum and will be subjected to sorious disciplioary action by the Suporintendont or Director of tho School of Nursing, Trivandrum in case any violation of discipline is noticed on the part of any student.

Application for admission to the Diploma Course together with the prescribod enclosures should be sent to the Superintendent, School of Nursing, Trivandrum and not in name. The covers should be superscribed as "Application for admission to the Diploma Course in Nursing and should reach the Suporintendont, the School of Nursing on or before 15th July 1961 5 p. m.

The form of application can be had from the office of tho Superintendont, School of Nursiog, Trivandrum on payment of Rs. 3 which should be sont to tho Superintendent, School of Nursing by money ordor or postal order specifying the full address of the candidato and the particular course for which the candidato desires to apply.

Medical College,
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23rd June 1961.

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Principal.